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Delta Methylmercury Stakeholders,

The purpose of this email is to provide a brief update on Delta methylmercury TMDL activities and meetings.

1. Basin Plan Amendment- Next Steps

On 22 April 2010, the Central Valley Water Board adopted a Basin Plan amendment for the Delta Mercury Control Program (methylmercury TMDL). Currently, Board staff is in the process of preparing the administrative record for the Basin Plan amendment. Once the administrative record is complete, the BPA will be forwarded to the State Water Board, Office of Administrative Law, and U.S. EPA for their approvals. The entire process can take 1- 1.5 years to complete. We will continue to keep you informed about the process via this Delta Methylmercury Stakeholder mailing list. We will also use this time for 'early implementation' and planning of the TMDL activities so that when the BPA becomes effective, we will be ready to start the Phase 1 activities.

At this time, we do not have any large stakeholder meetings scheduled. However, as indicated below, we will plan and hold topic-specific workgroup meetings, including exposure reduction, non-point sources, and offsets. Staff will continue to work with the workgroups and use Delta Methylmercury web pages to keep stakeholders informed about scheduled meetings. All interested stakeholders are welcome to attend any of the stakeholder meetings and the topic-specific workgroup meetings.

We have reorganized the Delta Methylmercury TMDL Stakeholder web pages to devote one page to the stakeholder meetings leading to the development of the adopted TMDL (pre- April 2010),

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/delta_hg/stakeholder_meetings/index.shtml

and a new page containing information about current and future stakeholder meetings and topic-specific workgroup meetings

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/delta_hg/stakeholder_workgroup_mtgs/index.shtml

2. Adaptive Management Plan

An updated version of the Stakeholder Group's Adaptive Management Plan is now posted on our website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/delta_hg/stakeholder_workgroup_mtg/index.shtml.

This version is current with the approved Basin Plan Amendment; nonetheless, the document still contains some placeholders and notes pointing out where information is needed. This document will be updated as needed based on stakeholder and workgroup recommendations.

3. Stakeholder Meetings

- The Nonpoint Sources Workgroup has received some funds from a 319(h) planning grant to provide NPS dischargers with the necessary planning for the Phase 1 Control Studies required by the Delta Mercury Control Program. This two-year planning effort will identify potential management measures and study sites, support development of the Control Study Workplans, and provide outreach and communications for the NPS Workgroup. The NPS Workgroup's kick-off meeting will be held on **August 24, 10 a.m.-noon, at the offices of Larry Walker Associates, 707 4th Street, Suite 200, Davis, CA 95616**
- All stakeholders in the Delta Mercury Control Program are invited to attend the Delta Tributaries Mercury Council (DTMC) meeting at the same location and on the same day, **12:30-3:30 p.m.** Topics will include updates from several ongoing mercury projects throughout the region and updates on Delta TMDL activities.
- To receive future meeting announcements for either group directly, contact the facilitator Stephen McCord (sam@lwa.com, 530-753-6400).

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these topics.

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